

California State Athletic Commission

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Change to the Neurological Assessment Fee and Official's Pay Structure

Dear Promoters/Licensees:

At the California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) meeting on February 6, 2012, the commission voted to seek legislation to alter the use of the Boxers' Neurological Examination Account and to adjust the pay scale for officials. Below summarizes the changes that are being made effective immediately.

Boxer's Neurological Examination Account

SHORT TERM GOAL

While we seek the legislation described in the Long Term Goal below, the Advisory Committee on Medical Safety Standards (MAC) will conduct a pilot study to identify the type of medical information to be captured and maintained in a medical database. The commission will pay for computerized examinations for approximately 100 licensees who volunteer to participate in the study. The number of exams the commission will pay for depends on the type and cost of the examination and the amount of funds remaining in the account through the end of the year. We expect to conduct this study for two (2) years.

LONG TERM GOAL

Seek legislation to remove the commission completely from collecting an assessment fee to pay for examinations and from paying for examinations. Instead the fund will be used toward the creation and administration of a medical database and the assessment fee will cover only the costs to maintain the database. This database will allow for greater measures to be taken toward the health and safety of fighters by: 1) tracking injuries; 2) assist in determining when a fighter is safe to return to play, after sustaining an injury; 3) identifying medical trends; and 4) assist in preventing further injury by identifying individuals who may be at a greater risk. The expectation is to be more in line with the original intent of law, Business and Professions Code section 18711.

The commissioners also voted to reduce the fund's assessment fee from .60 cents per ticket to .01 cent per ticket. This is being done as a gesture of good faith, to promoters, who have been paying into the fund but not receiving the benefit of payment for fighter's medical examinations, specifically the neurological exam, required for licensure or requested by the Commission.

Officials Pay Structure:

All officials will be paid using the pay scale below. This includes Boxing, MMA, Muay Thai and Kickboxing officials:

	Receipts	Referee	Judge	Timekeeper	Physician
California	0 - \$10,000	200	150	125	300
	10,000- 20,000	275	200	150	350
	20,001 - 30,000	300	225	175	400
	30,001 – 75,000	450	325	250	450
	75,001 and above	650	550	275	500
	Pay Per View	1000	900	500	900

A new pay per view event fee has been added to increase the pay of the officials involved with the <u>main</u> <u>event</u> of a pay per view telecast.

Pay Structure for Recognized World Championship Bouts

Including interim and vacant championship

Depending on the magnitude of the event and/or the boxer's purse

WBA – World Boxing Association
WBC – World Boxing Council
IBO – International Boxing Organization
UFC – Ultimate Fight Championship

Referee: \$1,900 Judge: \$1,600 Timekeeper: \$400

Pay Structure for Regional Championship Bouts

Including interim and vacant championship

• Depending on the magnitude of the event and/or the boxers' purse

WBA – World Boxing Association
WBC – World Boxing Council
WBC – World Boxing Council
WBC – International Boxing Organization

IBO – International Boxing Organization Any Other – Promotional Titles

Referee: \$600 Judge: \$500 Timekeeper: \$300

Officials will be entitled to compensation of \$100 if an event is cancelled by the promotion company. This fee will be approved by the California State Athletic Commission's management team.

The full pay scale will be available in the near future on our website: www.dca.ca.gov/csac. If you have any questions contact the office at (916) 263-2195 or you may send an email to: csac@dca.ca.gov

Respectfully,

George Dodd